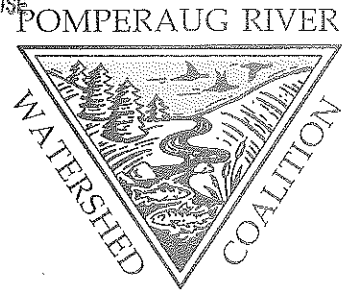


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Mr. Paul E. Stacey  
State of Connecticut  
Department of Environmental Protection  
Bureau of Water Protection and Land Use  
Planning and Standards Division  
79 Elm Street  
Hartford, CT 06106-5127



RE: Proposed Stream Flow Standards and Regulations  
Sections 26-141b-1 to 26-141b-9  
Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies

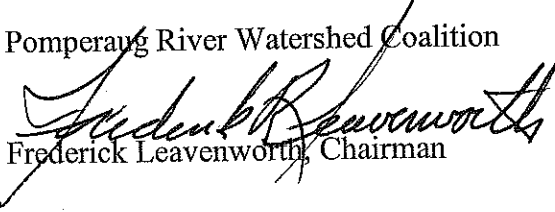
Dear Mr. Stacey:

Pursuant to your October 13, 2009 Notice of Intent to Adopt Regulations, the Pomperaug River Water Coalition supports in principle the Proposed Stream Flow Standards and Regulations. We believe that the proposed standards are an important step toward preserving the habitat quality of Connecticut's river systems while recognizing the competing interests for our valuable water resources. We are especially pleased by the Department's efforts to encourage the management of the stream flow through the formation of local compacts that balance local water resource needs.

As the regulation adoption process advances, we are anxious to see how the Pomperaug River will be classified and how that classification will affect the stakeholders in our watershed. We would like the Department to be cognizant of the impacts that the proposed regulations may have on other land use, economic and social policies affecting Connecticut while continuing to balance the health of the river with these competing needs.

Very truly yours,

Pomperaug River Watershed Coalition

  
Frederick Leavenworth, Chairman